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Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/781,505	ZUBOK ET AL.	
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	Jerry Cumberledge	3733	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

- (1) Jerry Cumberledge. (3) Kevin Kocun.
 (2) Eduardo Robert. (4) _____.

Date of Interview: 30 October 2007.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
 c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
 If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1-18.

Identification of prior art discussed: Beaurain et al. (US Pub. 2004/0243240 A1).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

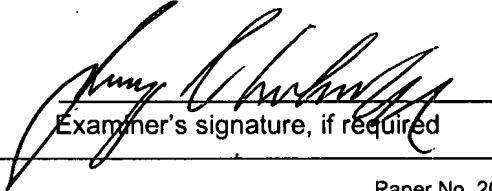
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(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

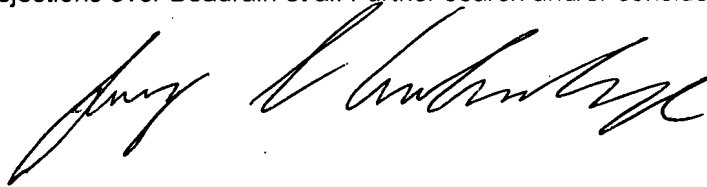
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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The examiner explained his rejections regarding the Beaurain et al. reference. Proposed amendments were discussed including further structurally defining the flanges and the orientation of the flanges and claiming different portions of the device being in direct contact with one another. The amendments to the claims, if constructed specifically enough (since no concrete language was discussed during the interview), would most likely overcome the 102 rejections over Beaurain et al. Further search and/or consideration will be required.

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